

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 23-36, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, a fourth feature of the present invention is being provided with a component main body; and a hard protective having erosion resistance formed on a portion to be processed of the component main body, wherein the ~~protection-degree~~ protective coating is formed by employing an electrode composed of a molded body molded from a powder of a metal or a mixed powder of a powder of a metal and a powder of a ceramic or the molded body processed with a heat treatment, and generating a pulsing electric discharge between the portion to be processed of the component main body and the electrode in an electrically insulating liquid or gas so that an electrode material of the electrode or a reaction substance of the electrode material carries out deposition, diffusion and/or welding on a predetermined portion in the component main body by energy of the electric discharge.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 29-30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[Fig. 13] A schematic drawing of a steam turbine engine in accordance with a fifth embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 28-29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A ~~first~~ second embodiment will be described hereinafter with reference to Fig. 1, Fig. 3, Fig. 6, Fig. 7(a) and Fig. 7(b).

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, operations of the second ~~best mode~~ embodiment will be described.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 4-5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A third ~~best mode~~ embodiment will be described hereinafter with reference to Fig. 1, Fig. 3, Fig. 8(a), Fig. 8(b), Fig. 9(a) and Fig. 9(b).

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 22-28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b), an aluminum coating 71 as a second protective coating having oxidation resistance is formed on the whole of the blade faces of the blade 7 so as to cover the first protective coating 65. Further, the aluminum coating 71 is, as shown in Fig. 9(b), formed by an aluminizing treatment by using a heat treatment furnace 73 after forming the first protective coating 65.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 37 to page 17, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

First, because the first protective coating 65 is formed by the energy of the electric discharge, a range of the first protective coating 65 can be limited within the range where the electric discharge is generated and the pretreatment accompanying the formation of the first protective coating 65 and the post-treatment accompanying the formation of the ~~second~~ first protective coating 65 can be respectively omitted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, lines 28-29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A modified example of the fourth embodiment will be described hereinafter with reference to ~~12A and 12B~~ Figs. 12(a) and 12(b).

Please delete the last two paragraphs at page 28, lines 6-18 in their entirety and insert therefor the following new replacement paragraphs:

As described above, the invention has been described above by reference to several preferable embodiments, however, the scope and the right of the appended claims should not be limited to these embodiments.

Moreover, the contents of Japanese Patent Applications No. 2003-167068 filed with the Japan Patent Office on June 11, 2003, No. 2004-088033 filed on March 24, 2004, No. 2004-088031 filed on March 24, 2004 and No. 2003-165403 filed on June 10, 2003 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.